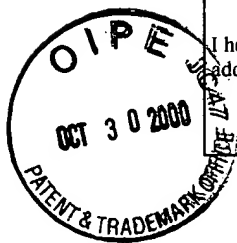


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2000 (paper No. 17). In that Office Action, claims 12-16 were rejected on a variety of bases. Claims 1-11 were withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Reexamination and allowance are requested.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to considering the comments below, please make the following amendments to the claims.

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